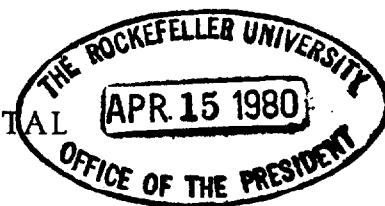




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Dear Josh:

Speaking of a "teammate" for Allan Conney (your note to me), I thought you would be interested in the curriculum vitae on Wayne Levin. He is a remarkable man - for among other things, not having had a professional degree, but presently carrying on a very strong research program with, as well as independently of, Conney at Hoffmann-La Roche. Conney would want to take Levin with him wherever he might be recruited; but Levin, at the Rockefeller, would be glad to settle for a non-tenured Associate Professorship or even a title of Adjunct Professor according to Allan. One element of such a recruitment might be to offer Wayne the opportunity to "enroll" in our Ph.D. program so that he could earn himself the doctorate which he never got earlier, but the absence of which now seems bothersome to him as well as to others. I know that in your note you meant "teammate" to be a physician. The fiscal investment might however better be made in a person like Levin, leaving the matter of clinical collaborations to my own group with institutional support being provided for one or two younger Assistant Professors (M.D.'s) to the extent that it could not be provided through grants.

I think that Conney is coming to a point in his thinking that would make an outside offer attractive. He has recently been ask to be a candidate for a professorship in toxicology-pharmacology which is being funded through the Sidney Farber Institute at Harvard and he seems far more willing to consider it than I have previously known to be the case for him. He would prefer to stay in the New York area however and he would be glad to explore the possibilities of a joint appointment between the Rockefeller and Roche. He believes that John Burns at Roche would be willing to support that idea as well. We could then, at less than the usual cost for a Professor, have added to this faculty a very distinguished man in a field in which you yourself have strong interests, and for which the Hospital itself could provide an invaluable resource.


In addition, in pursuing further your question of whether there aren't any women in clinical science available, I have been told that Marie New still has not taken the Chair of Pediatrics at Cornell; and

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when directly asked has made clear that, if she received an offer from the Rockefeller before that commitment was made, she would far prefer to be on the Rockefeller staff. Her recruitment, of course, would not bring as strong a scientist to the Hospital as with the recruitment of others, but it would certainly add to our staff a person of much eminence in pediatric-clinical research and one committed to human studies of the kind we are best suited to carry out here. Beyond that, we would have succeeded in appointing a woman at the rank of full Professor - something which has not been done for a few years at the Rockefeller.

Yours sincerely,



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